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1. PONTA DELGADA MORNING DAILIES REPORT SUMMIT OF GOVERNORS THREE AZOREAN AUTONOMOUS DISTRICTS TO BE HELD ON TERCEIRA MARCH 1 AND 2 TO DISCUSS REVISION STATUTES OF AUTONOMOUS DISTRICTS OF ADJACENTS ISLANDS. REGIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES AS WELL AS MOVEMENT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF AZOREAN PEOPLE (MAPA) HAVE BEEN INVITED ATTEND. BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE DOCUMENT RELEASED FEB 14 BY 11 MAN COMMISSION INCLUDING PONTA DELGADA DISTRICT CIVIL GOVERNOR ANTONIO BORGES COUTINHO AND OTHER TOP DISTRICT OFFICERS.

2. DAILIES ALSO CARRY COMMUNIQUE FROM MAPA WHICH REFUSES PARTICIPATE IN SUMMIT. MAPA TERMS COMMITTEE OF 11 DOCUMENT " INSULT THE AZOREAN PEOPLE" WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD LEAD TO "ANNIHILATION" OF REGIONAL

AUTONOMY. ACCUSES DRAFTERS OF ATTEMPTING, BY MEANS OF CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED "SUMMIT" TO PUT STAMP OF POPULAR PAN-AZOREAN APPROVAL ON DOCUMENT. FURTHER CALLS ON BORGES COUTINHO AND OTHER DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO RESIGN POSITIONS AS HAVE NSHOWN SELVES ENEMIES OF INTERESTS

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OF AZOREAN PEOPLE" .COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES BY NOTING THAT "ONE MAN,

ACTUATING REGIONAL POLITICAL MACHINERY IN MACHIAVELLIAN MANNER, CAN JEOPARDIZE THE PEOPLE HE SHOULD SERVE".

3. DAILY "ACORES", MEANWHILE, IN ARTICLE TITLED "THE GROUP OF 11 ALONE" REPORTS THAT PONTA DELGADA PPD, WHICH PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED OWN PLAN FOR REVISION OF AZOREAN STATUTES, HAS ALSO REFUSED PARTICIPATE IN SUMMIT. ARTICLE STATES THAT DECISION FOLLOWED CONSULTATIONS WITH MAPA LEADERSHIP AND BOTH GROUPS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT IN LISBON TO EXPLAIN OPPOSITION TO COMMITTEE OF 11 PROPOSAL AND NON-PARTICIPATION IN ANGRA SUMMIT.

4. COMMENT: MAPA'S COMMUNIQUE STRONGEST TO DATE AGAINST GOVERNOR AND OTHER MDP AFFILIATED DISTRICT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OPPOSED MAPA SINCE ITS INCEPTION. IT ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IN THAT MAPA HAS RECENTLY AVOIDED FRONTAL CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL LEFT, APPARENTLY IN ATTEMPT SILENCE CRITICISM THAT IT ESSENTIALLY A CAPITALIST/IMPERIALIST/

REACTIONARY MOVEMENT. PRESENT COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS MAPA NOW FEELS ITS DEMOCRATIC BONA FIDES SUFFICIENTLY WELL ESTABLISHED TO STAND UP TO LEFT, AT LEAST IN MATTERS CONCERNING AZOREAN AUTONOMY, ITS AVOWED "RAISON D'ETRE" COOPERATION OF PONTA DELGADA PPD NO DOUBT HAS STRENGTHENED MAPA'S HAND IN MATTER.

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